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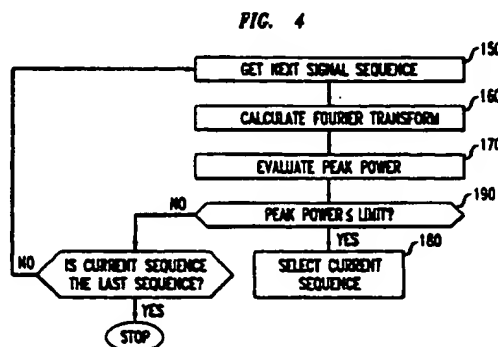
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(54) Reduction of peak to average power ratio in multicarrier systems

(57) We describe an improved method for decreasing the probability of an unacceptably high peak-to-average power ratio in a signal to be transmitted by a Frequency Division Multiplexing (FDM) system, such as a discrete multitone (DMT) system. The method involves generating at least two alternative signal sequences, computing Fourier transforms of the respective alternative signal sequences, and selecting for transmission one of these sequences, based on the Fourier transform computations. More specifically, the selection of one sequence may be based, e.g., on the determination that the Fourier transform of that sequence has an acceptable peak power. Alternatively, a comparison may be made among the Fourier transforms of the respective signal sequences, and selection made of that sequence whose Fourier transform exhibits the lowest peak power.



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